

THE KWAJALEIN HOUR GLASS



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Senior feels uncertain of future

Summer is winding down, and I'm not happy. Yes, I will be entering my senior year and that fact is supposed to yield some unwarranted happiness, but it's just not turning out that way for me.

Endless parties and the satisfaction that I've made it to the top is not what I'm focusing on. While others soak up the pride, I find myself repeatedly asking the same question, "Am I prepared for what's out there?"

For six years now I have called Kwaj my home and the longer I stay, the more distanced I feel from the states. As it is now, I have culture shock when I return to my own home country to visit.

In one year's time, I'll be thrown back into that hodge-podge of traffic, fast food and malls. Once in college and experiencing the reality of things, Kwaj will look like some distant utopia on which I used to reside.

Not knowing what you're moving toward is much easier than knowing what you're departing from.

In these modern times, one's high school education can teach you all about chemistry, calculus, psychology, foreign languages and the list goes on. In my opinion, high school curriculums



are lacking one thing: Introduction to Life Challenges.

Think about it — teachers educate us on just about everything there is to know except for that one major detail. How are we to put our skills to use if we don't know how to adapt to the environment we're using them in? Young adults are expected to step up to the challenge and conquer it, often with no guidance.

Hopefully, among my 34 or so other classmates, at least one person will share my worries.

Seeing how I'm graduating next year, it's a bit late to be fretting over my lack of knowledge on how to handle going solo in this world. Maybe I'll fail miserably and bite the dust in terms of life, or maybe I'll succeed.

To the under classmen who have yet to think about college and their next step in life; I hope you feel more prepared than I do. And hey, maybe it's supposed to feel this way.

New Kwaj kid looks at school

By David Waddell

I come from the crazy city kind of life in the foot hills of California and the Rogue River valley of Eagle Point, Ore.

My old school had lots of people in the freshman class. In fact, it was the largest class in the whole school — about 250 of us. Before I came out here, I looked, with my family, at the *Hourglass* on the Internet, and saw the honor roll at the end of this last school year. There were about 25 kids. I was shocked at the class size.

But then I got thinking. If there is that many kids in one class, multiply that by four. That's a really small school. That means it just might not suffer from the over-populating of classes as so many schools in the states do. All of that equals a good education and darn near one-on-one teaching.

I look at this next school year as another adventure in my quest for an excellent education. I've heard some of the teachers are a bit quirky, but that's OK. I think it makes the year even that more interesting. I look forward to meeting all of the new people and making even more friends. See you all next week.

(David Waddell will be a sophomore at Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School)

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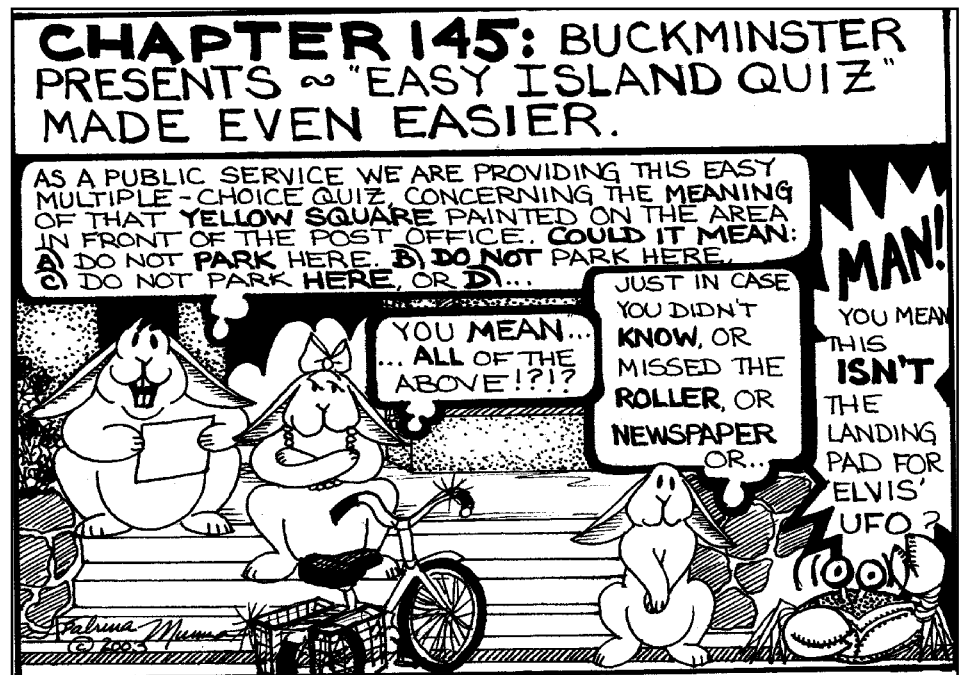
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Buckminster and Friends

By Sabrina Mumma



Enrollment up as school starts Friday

By Jan Waddell
Staff Writer

School starts Friday with increased enrollment and a focus on the upcoming accreditation review by the North Central Association, said Karen Ammann, Kwajalein School superintendent.

Exact numbers are not yet available, but George Seitz Elementary School enrollment climbed by up to 40 students to nearly 250, while the high school only up a little from 177 last year, Ammann said.

Ammann said all new high school and elementary school students should register for school as soon as possible. All new students are required to have a birth certificate, immunization record and a physical. The physical form can be obtained from the hospital.

School begins at 8 a.m. for high school students and at 8:30 a.m. for elementary students, but teachers have already hit the classrooms. Teachers will have a workshop on Wednesday and Thursday. George Seitz Elementary School teachers will be in their classrooms to meet parents and students on Thursday afternoon.

Orientation for students entering the seventh grade is set for Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the high school multipurpose room.

Kindergarten orientation will also be held on Thurs-

day, with morning student's orientation at 9 a.m. and afternoon students at 1 p.m.

"I love it," said Kindergarten teacher Angie Dampier, who will start her fourth year. "I came for one year. I never left."

The school store will also open Thursday. A school supplies list is available at the elementary school.

Meanwhile, school officials are continuing five years of preparations for the visit by North Central Association accreditation officials who will review the school system in January.

This year's school curriculum includes a rewritten language arts portion for the Kindergarten-grade 12, approved last year.

Along with the returning teachers, nine new teachers join this year's staff. New teachers for the 2003-04 school year are Tarah Yurovchak, sixth grade; Cassandra Rubly, fourth grade; Kathi Dover, second grade; Keith Miller, seventh- through 12th-grade English; David Schmitt, seventh- through 12th-grade English; Shannon Twait, seventh- through 12th-grade social studies; Eric Nelson, seventh- through 12th-grade science; Bob Curtin, seventh- through 12th-grade English as a second language and Kris Curtin, seventh- through 12th-grade special education. (See profiles, pages 4-5).

Students gear up for school year

By Jon Cassell
Contributing Writer

The days are winding down until the familiar sound of bells and the routine of homework return to the lives of Kwajalein's students.

Friday marks the official beginning of this school year where kids of all ages will take on new challenges and more demanding responsibilities.

"I can't wait to ride my bike to school all by myself now," boasted Darian Wheeler, one of this year's kindergarten students.

Darian however is not the only one making a transition into a new school.

"Leaving elementary school and stepping up will be really exciting," said Andrea Morrison, an upcoming seventh-grader. "I'm a little nervous about getting to all my classes on time since there's only a few minutes passing time between them."

Students like Morrison will have to get used to the different habits such as changing classes, having lockers and going to a different room for every class.

To help prepare seventh graders entering the Jr./Sr. High School, an orientation will be held Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the high school multipurpose room. The orientation, given by

"I can't wait to ride my bike to school all by myself now."

— Darian Wheeler
kindergarten student

the previous years' seventh-graders, provides a brief tour of the school and allows the new students to become acquainted with their teachers.

While others are preparing to enter a new school, this year's seniors are gearing up and planning their departure. The rigors of college applications will soon be on the minds of many, if not all, of this year's graduating class.

"It's going to be tough getting through the application process, but it's pretty much all downhill from there," said Anja Pierre-Mike, one of this year's seniors. "We have a lot to look forward to though, like painting our names in the street."

Every fall at the beginning of the new school year, seniors paint their names in a portion of the road out front of the school. The names last throughout the school year, and when a new senior class comes, they paint over them.

Said Pierre-Mike, "I've looked forward to [painting the street] for such a long time ... now it's finally my turn."

Stay safe during school year

From Staff Reports

With the beginning of school, young people are on their bikes in force, prompting safety officials to suggest the following tips.

- Obey all traffic signs
- Use proper hand signals
- Always look over your shoulder when changing directions
- Ride with traffic on the right side of the road
- Ride no more than two across
- Pull over and stop when emergency vehicles approach
- Don't impede traffic. Pull to the right before stopping. Don't stop and talk to others in the middle of the road
- Never allow more than one person to ride on a bicycle at a time unless the bike specifically designed for more than one. Any person carrying a child or infant must be capable of having total control of the bicycle.
- Never allow children to stand in the back of bicycle carts.
- Don't over load your bicycle
- Keep loose clothing, padlock cables and bungee cords away from moving parts



Kris Curtin teaches special education. She has taught for 12 years and graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth. She came for the island life and is expecting her first child in March.



Kathi Dover teaches second grade. She lived on Kwajalein for two years during her fifth and sixth grades. She graduated from the University of California Santa Barbara and has taught for six years. She says returning to Kwaj is a "blast from the past."



Bob Curtin will teach English as a second language. He has taught for 12 years. He taught on Guam where he met his wife and also taught in Senegal for two years. He attended the University of Minnesota Duluth, University of Massachusetts and Syracuse University.

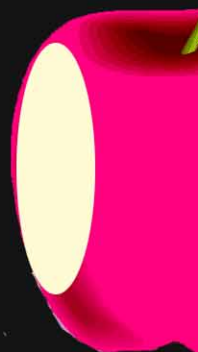


Cassie Rubly teaches fourth grade. This is her second tour at Kwajalein. She taught from 1998-2001. She taught for two years in Senegal. She graduated from Winona State University in Minnesota and has taught for seven years. She likes the people, families and kids.



Keith Miller will teach high school honors English and work with the yearbook after school. He has taught for seven years. He graduated from Loyola University in Chicago. He taught two years in Kuwait and says Kwaj is very peaceful.

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Shannon Twait will teach high school social studies. He graduated from Mankato State in Minnesota. He has taught for seven years. He says he looks forward to the opportunity to teach outside the United States.



David Schmitt comes to Kwajalein from Chicago where he taught for 1½ years. He will teach eighth grade world history and freshman and sophomore English. He earned his degree from Drake University in Iowa and his master's from National-Lewis. He wanted a place where friends can just stop by.



Tarah Yurovchak has taught for six years. She will teach sixth-grade English, reading and social studies. She obtained her degree from Pacific Lutheran University in Washington.



Eric Nelson teaches high school physics, biology and marine science. He has taught for 10 years. He is a graduate of the University of Miami and has a master's degree in marine affairs and a second master's degree in the art of teaching science education from the University of Iowa. He says he was recruited to "teach marine science in the world's largest volcano atoll."

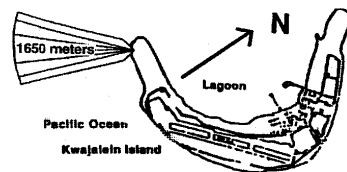
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The Small Arms Range is
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Avoid the hazard area
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observe the red flags at the
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TELESCOPE: 450 power, 60mm equatorial refractor on adjustable tripod and accessories, \$70; baby gate, \$5; new portable CD player, \$70; micro-cassette recorder, new, great for college lectures, \$10; two twin comforters, pink print with 5" cream border, \$10 each; picnic basket, new, \$20. Call 53640, before 8 p.m.

OUTDOOR PLANTS and planters. Call 52318W or 53639H.

55-GALLON show aquarium with stand and accessories, \$800; two chaise-style plastic patio chairs, \$25 each. Call 53364W or 52295H, before 8 p.m.

ROLLERBLADE in-line skates, youth, adjustable, sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, \$15; 26" softside Samsonite suitcase, \$25; youth golf clubs, driver, 3 wood, irons, 5, 6, 7, putter and bag, six clubs and bag, \$50; easy chair and footstool, newly reupholstered, \$50. Call 53759, after 6 p.m.

PLANTS, \$5-\$15; VHS movies, \$5 each; DVD movies, \$10 each; Razor tricycle, \$50; DVD player, \$70; Sony camera case, new, \$30; Briko sunglasses, \$75. Call 54630, after 5 p.m.

PANASONIC CD/stereo system, 70-watt/channel, 51-CD capacity, \$200; portable dishwasher, one-

Everyone is invited to attend a
"Womens Equality Day"
luncheon Thursday, Aug. 28,
11:30-12:30 p.m., in the
Yokwe Yuk Club Kabua Room.

Guest speaker is
Dr. Linda Gentle,
U.S. Army Space and Missile
Defense Command.

Cost is \$10 and payable at the door.
Reservations required no later
than Tuesday, Aug. 26, by
calling USAKA Public Affairs,
51404.



Feel like a kid
again!

Sign up for Fall Softball

Season is Sept. 6-Oct. 18.
Team managers must bring the
team rosters and \$150 fee to
the mandatory meeting Aug. 29,
6:30 p.m., in Community Activities
conference room. If you don't
have a team, call Kaya, 53331.

HELP WANTED

KRS has the following on-island job opening. Unless otherwise noted, call Alan Taylor, 55154.

Recreation aide, CRC. Part time. Duties include setting up rooms, checking out gym equipment as well as tables and chairs, some janitorial duties and great customer service. Call Lynn Pippitt, 52491.

WANTED

COLOR TV for BQ. 27"-29" will do. In working condition, no junk. Call 52308.

EXPERIENCED diving couple looking for two divers to share a B-boat on weekends. We have boat reserved for Monday mornings for the next two weeks. Call Alan or Marge, 53370.

LOST

PAIR OF REVO sunglasses at Emon Beach. Call 58972 or 53874.

CHILD'S RED BMX Schwinn with "Trinity" written in yellow on side of bar, Aug. 12 from elementary school area. Return to Qtrs. 470-B, or call 52250 or 54441. No questions asked.

FOR SALE

PCS SALE. American Girl doll furniture; air hockey game, like arcade, \$25; Kitchenaid 350-watt mixer, white, \$200; bed risers, \$8; microwave or printer stand, \$25; computer desk; two scooters, \$20 each; children's clothes; movies; toys; two sets of Fiesta ware dishes, blue/white, \$20 per set. Call 52777.

100' OF FENCING, \$150. Call 51800.

year-old, perfect for trailers, no plumbing required, \$200; heavy galvanized steel pipe patio frame, full length of trailer, you remove, \$500; small Sanyo refrigerator, \$75; large Weber grill, \$25; large entertainment center, \$50. Call 53518W or 52243H.

PCS SALE. Gas grill, \$40; four Advent loud speakers, \$25 each or four for \$75; full set of mini-blinds for 400-series house, \$50; two Kwaj-condition bikes, \$15 each; covered Burley, excellent condition, \$50; two scuba tanks, \$50 each; 13" color TV with remote, \$50; various carpets. Call 54692 or leave a message.

AQUAMARINE 14k blue earrings, five stones each, \$70; Mickey Mouse watch, needs battery, \$30. Call 58954, after 5 p.m.

SMALL UPRIGHT piano, \$400; trumpet, \$200; electric guitar with amplifier and carrying case, \$100. Call Lynn, 51618.

1999 SEASWIRL, 21' boat with walkaround cabin, 150 hp Johnson outboard, trailer and 9.9 hp Evinrude kicker motor, boathouse includes boat, motor, spare parts, stainless steel fasteners, tools, air-conditioning, extra scuba gear, wakeboard, ski ropes and boogie tubes. All in excellent condition. Call 52398.

BOWFLEX POWER PRO XTL lat tower, leg attachment, 410 lbs. of resistance, over 65 exercises, \$1,750; Sanyo frost-free refrigerator/freezer, 1.38 cubic feet frozen, 3.46 cubic feet fresh, \$300. Call 51235W or 53975H.

TWO DEHUMIDIFIERS, \$25 each; two laserjet HP printers, one black and white, \$20, one color, \$30. Call 54211.

LADIES' KWAJ-CONDITION bike, \$15; barstools with covers, \$15 per pair; 13" color TV, \$25; pleated window shades for all windows including sliding glass door in new housing, \$200. Call 58672 or 59356.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

COME JOIN us to say goodbye to the Foff family, Aug. 24, 7 p.m., at the REB Building. Its a build-your-own ice cream sundae party.

BACK TO SCHOOL night for grades 7-12 is Friday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m., in the MP room. Parents with students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend. An invitation with details should arrive in the mail. Questions? Call Mr. Howell, 52011. Hope to see you there.

INTERESTED IN POTTERY? Assistance in basic wheel throwing techniques given every Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Hobby Shop. Limited to 5 persons at a time. Questions? Call Julie, 51700.

Family pool is closed Friday for maintenance and reopens Sunday.

THE FIESTA HISPANIC Club invites the community to a potluck dinner, Monday, Aug. 25, 5 p.m., in CRC room 6. Bring a dish to share. Paper goods provided. Membership is open to all. Questions? Call 51800.

IT'S BEACH volleyball time again. Register now for the Labor Day beach volleyball tournament at Emon Beach. The four-on-four tournament starts at 1 p.m., Monday, Sept. 1. Register your team with a \$10 fee at Community Activities no later than noon, Aug. 29. No late entries. Questions? Call Kaya, 53331.

A SPECIAL Oriental dinner is hosted by Café Roi, tomorrow.

ORTHODONTIST is on island Aug. 27-28. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

DENTAL CLINIC is open tomorrow, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m., to accommodate Roi-Namur, Meck and schoolteachers. There is no morning sick call that day.

7TH GRADE student orientation is Thursday, 1 p.m., in the high school MP room.

7TH GRADE PARENT orientation is Friday, 7 p.m., in the high school MP room.

KWAJ KIDS Club before and after school age program is having an open house Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 52158.

A SLIDE presentation by Paul McGrew of the sailing vessel *Cherokee*, which has returned from a 2½-year voyage throughout the Pacific, is tomorrow, 7:15 p.m., in CAC room 6.

OPSEC REMINDER: Providing our military forces with uncompromised defense systems is necessary to minimize risks and enhance our potential for the successful termination of a conflict. Apply OPSEC.

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Bowling Center hosts Family Night, Aug. 24, 6-9 p.m. Questions? Call 53320.

See you at the movies!

Wednesday

Dark Blue (2003, R) A maverick detective is teamed with a young partner in the Los Angeles underworld.

Adult Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Timequest (2002, R) How history would have been affected if JFK had lived.

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Final Destination (2000, R) A teenage horror film where a young man avoids the hand of death or so he thinks.

Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Shanghai Knights (2003, PG) East and West team up to take on bad guys in the British Empire. A Jackie Chan action comedy.

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Tears of the Sun (2003, R) A career soldier is forced to choose between following orders and saving lives in this action thriller.

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Life of David Gale (2003, R) The mystery of one man's guilt or innocence literally becomes a matter of life and death.

Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Road to Hong Kong, Road to Singapore (G) Two of Bob Hope and Bing Crosby road comedies.

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

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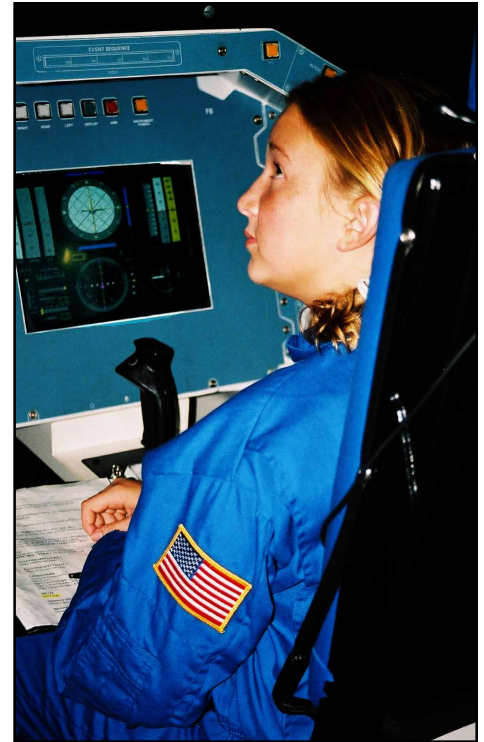
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RIGHT: Nakoli Sakaio works as a mission specialist during a shuttle mission at U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.

FAR RIGHT: Casey Evans listens up as she pilots the shuttle during a mission.

(Photos by Debra Valine, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command)



Space Campers return

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Former fifth-graders Nakoli Sakaio and Casey Evans traveled far during their summer vacations — to simulated space and back again.

The two George Seitz Elementary School students attended U.S. Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville.

During their stay the pair learned about the space program through hands-on activities.

"The missions were the best," said Sakaio, who was a mission specialist. "We had a mission that we were pretending to be going out of the shuttle. We had to press a lot of buttons and switch buttons."

"We also traveled to a Mars," he said describing a red rock room where students studied the geology

of the fourth planet's surface.

Meanwhile, Evans served as a flight director and pilot on the two missions.

"We were each assigned a part and things you had to do," she said.

Evans pointed to the simulators as her favorite activities, including a gyroscope-like chair that spun participants around in all directions.

The two won scholarships from the Space and Missile Defense Association during an essay contest in April. The SMDA is a private organization made up of government and civilian members of the space and missile defense community.

Scholarships included tuition to the week-long program, airfare to Huntsville from Kwajalein and spending money for both the student and an escort.

Sakaio advised this year's fifth-

graders to, "get a lot of facts about what they're doing," and "Good luck. They're going to have a good time."

Established in 1982, U.S. Space Camp has served more than 300,000 students over the years and even inspired a 1987 movie by the same name.

Besides the basic Space Camp for nine- to 11-year-olds, the U.S. Space and Rocket Center hosts a variety of programs including a Space Academy and Advanced Space Academy for kids ages 12-14 and 15-18, respectively. For adults, the center holds special group events along with adult-level space camp-style weekend and week-long programs. One program even allows parents and children, ages 7-11, to attend and participate in a simulated mission together.

For more information on space camp check out www.spacecamp.com.

WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers.

Winds: East-southeast at 6-12 knots.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny with widely scattered showers.

Winds: East-southeast at 6-12 knots.

Temperature: Tonight's low 80°
Tomorrow's high 87°

August rain total: 3.56"

Annual rain total: 50.08"

Annual deviation: -3.99"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday August 19	0641/1906	/1200	0800, 4.2' 2030, 4.3'	0200, 1.7' 1410, 1.7'
Wednesday August 20	0641/1905	0001/1247	0840, 3.7' 2120, 4.0'	0240, 2.1' 1440, 2.0'
Thursday August 21	0641/1905	0043/1336	0940, 3.3' 2300, 3.9'	0400, 2.5' 1540, 2.4'
Friday August 22	0641/1904	0129/1427	1210, 3.1'	0630, 2.5' 1750, 2.5'